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SMOOTH ONE IS J. AUSTIN HOOPER

Man Who Made Spectacular Get-Away From Local Jail Puts One Over on the Authorities at Milwaukee

Milwaukee, Oct. 30.—Chief of Detectives John Sullivan has no hopes today of finding J. Austin Hooper, mysterious prisoner released a week ago, after a resort raid, only to develop that he was a paroled Folsom, Cal., "lifer." Through the aid of ex-Governor McGovern, Hooper was freed. The situation has caused a scandal between the police department and the district attorney's office.

"Hooper (alias Loring) undoubtedly left Wisconsin after putting his story across with McGovern's aid," said Sullivan today. "We have been unable to trace him."

The former governor's version could not be obtained, as he was absent from the city. Judge Page said he took McGovern's recommendation and had no more to do with the case.

McGovern claimed the arrest was Hooper's first, and that he knew him personally, and that he was the son of a Wisconsin attorney.

Investigation now indicates that he had been arrested in Oregon after being freed from Folsom.

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A series of bank, street car and train robberies by a lone highwayman are laid at Hooper's door by the Oregon authorities.

Among them are the robbery of the bank at Rogue River, near Grants Pass, the hold-up of the Southern Pacific railroad station at Grants Pass, the robbery of two Oregon City interurban cars near Portland, the robbery of a hardware store at Hornbrook, Cal., when it is charged several hundred dollars which Hooper had paid for guns and ammunition reverted to their original owner.

Besides these, Hooper is suspected of train robberies in Washington.

Several months ago Hooper was arrested in The Dalles and taken to Grants Pass to be tried on the charge of robbing the Southern Pacific depot, but escaped after Sheriff Will Smith was overpowered.

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RUSSIAN TROOP SHIPS SAIL TO AID SERBIANS

Copenhagen, Oct. 30.—A great fleet of Russian troop ships, accompanied by cruisers, has left Odessa and Sevastopol for Bulgaria, according to private Berlin advices today.

The Berliner Tageblatt also stated that it had learned large bodies of troops had left Odessa.

This dispatch of troops fore-shadows early Russian assistance to the Serbs and French in the struggle in the Balkans. That they will be used in Bulgaria to check the drive of the Teutons across to Turkey is believed here.

Paris, Oct. 30.—Roumania's permission to the Russians to cross her territory to Serbia is expected hourly. The reported Petrograd offer to cede Bessarabia to Roumania for such permission is believed to have won over Roumania. Whether Roumania will lend active aid in the war against the Teutons is doubtful, but officials hope she will.

While this Slavic menace to the Austro-German advance in Serbia seems imminent, repeated rumors are heard that Greece is likely to side with the allies, although the Athens government has given no definite word of her intentions.

Coupled with the possibility of a Russian overland campaign to head off the Teutons, came reports today of a vast movement of troops by sea from the Russian ports of Odessa and Sevastopol to Bulgaria.

Meantime the struggle in Serbia rages. The Montenegrins have embarrassed the Austrian attack from the west by fierce flank assaults. Taking advantage of their mountain positions, the Montenegrins are holding their own and are inflicting terrible losses on the Austrians engaged in a special campaign against them.

While the Bulgars claim to control the entire Timok valley, their success in southern Serbia depends on the outcome of a battle which Athens dispatches reported imminent near Istib.

The French capture of Strumnitza, southeast of Istib, is believed to be incidental to the Gallic sweep from Saloniki, in an attempt to clear southern Serbia of the Bulgars and to proceed to the assistance of the sorely pressed Serbians.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The Allan liner Hesperian was torpedoed, and not sunk by a mine, as Germany contended, the navy department today reported to Secretary of State Lansing.

This report, based on a navy investigation, will be the basis for a new representation to Berlin.

Damages will be asked for American merchandise aboard the vessel.

Lansing indicated, however, that the report would not reopen the submarine controversy with Germany, except as to the facts of the Hesperian case and indemnity to America. He called it merely the old issue of fact.

The navy experts based their finding on the fact that a piece of metal, 12 inches square, was thrown up on the deck. This they held could not come from a mine and, moreover, the polished surface of the metal indicated a torpedo shell rather than a mine.

BEGIN SCRAP ON MEXICAN BORDER

Rebels Commence Attack Upon Carranza's Government Troops at Agua Prieta, Near Douglas, Arizona

Washington, Oct. 30.—Fighting between Carranzistas and Villistas near Agua Prieta, just across from Douglas, Ariz., has begun, General Funston, American border commander, reported to the war department today.

General Calles' outposts dispersed 300 Villistas at Cabullana, and a Villa patrol west of Agua Prieta was wiped out.

Six thousand American troops lined the border, ready to fire on the Villistas should they attempt to invade the United States' side for a flank attack against the Carranzistas, backed up against the border lines. Officers believe 7,000 Carranzistas will arrive in time to insure victory for the side of the new chief executive. Persistent rumors of a breach between Carranza and his leading chieftain, Obregon, however, have proved a disturbing factor in the situation.

Funston stated that the Villistas under General Urbalajo were moving on Agua Prieta from the west, while the main body from the east camped last night along the San Bernardino river, 15 miles from Agua Prieta. They expected to reach the Gallardos ranch, 12 miles east, this afternoon, indicating that the real battle will start tomorrow.

Funston said that they would probably attack from the east, thus endangering Douglas. Urbalajo promised to protect American mines and railroads in Cananea, provided the mines open very soon. He informed Funston that the Villistas were powerless to execute threats against Americans and their property.

General Carranza was due at Piedras Negras today to meet Consul Carrothers and Eliso Arredondo, his ambassador, who is bringing the note of recognition of Carranza from President Wilson.

Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 30.—While General Villa's forces are strongly entrenched in Agua Prieta early today, the few Americans remaining in Cananea (Continued on Page Five.)

DEMANDS SALE OF GRANTED LANDS

Mass Meeting of Citizens Adopts Resolution Endorsing Action of Conference Held at Salem Sept. 16th

S. W. Williams, representing the department of justice, and Leonard Underwood, of the general land office, returned from their visit to the Illinois valley Friday evening in time to participate in the mass meeting called to convene at the court house to consider the O. & C. land grant question. The gentlemen were here investigating the land grant question and the meeting was held that they could get a better expression of the wishes of the people of the locality concerning the disposition to be made of the lands. They had spent the day in the Illinois valley and had seen many tracts of the railroad lands along the way, getting from this an idea of the character of the acreage in this county.

The meeting at the court house was presided over by Attorney Fred Williams, who had been a member of the delegation from this county to the land grant conference held at Salem upon the call of the governor on September 16 and 17. S. W. Williams, who came here from Washington City at the instance of the department of justice, was first introduced, and explained that his mission was to get first hand information not only of the exact character of the lands but also to know what the desires of the people most vitally interested might be. He said that he had already been pretty thoroughly over the lands in the counties to the north. He found that upon a few of the essentials the people were practically a unit, but that there was a great diversity of opinion as to the plan for the disposition of the lands. There was a universal request that the lands be kept from the forest reserve, he said, and that they be made to produce revenue through taxation without delay.

O. S. Blanchard spoke of the burden that had been thrust upon Josephine county, in common with other western Oregon counties, through the inclusion of vast areas in reserves, and pointed to the fact that 26 per (Continued on page 2)

FRANCE FOR WAR UNTIL VICTORY SAYS M. BRIAND

Paris, Oct. 30.—"A deviation of not one iota from the country's fixed purpose to win the war and crush Germany," Premier Briand told me in an exclusive interview today, "will be the new cabinet's policy. It was the old ministry's platform, and it will be ours."

He received me at the office of the ministry of justice, which position he is about to vacate in favor of Viviani, and granted me an interview prior to his visit to President Poincaré at the palace.

Essentially vigorous and always eloquent, he spoke more forcefully than ever. Never have I seen him more determined.

"I desire the world to understand that to thoroughly change the ministry does not imply a change of policies," Briand said. "We will continue firmly on with our allies, with the common motto: 'Victory.'"

"For by victory alone will we win permanent peace. No compromise is possible. We must enforce the right of every country to rule itself, with each privileged to enjoy its own culture and, as you say in America, with security of life, liberty and property against molestation."

It is generally believed that the creation of the new ministry is a turning point in the nation's affairs. The ministry's action will be primarily devoted to conducting the war to a successful issue.

Briand is the man of the hour and Gallic optimism was never higher.

The nation sees in the coalition forces the mingling of all political beliefs, and in the junction of youth and age the prospect of united, firm action more complete than it has ever had before.

ADDIS AND BLAIR EACH TO PAY \$1000 FOR CONSPIRACY

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—Hyphenated Americans came in for criticism by Federal Judge Dooling today when he fined Dr. Thomas Addis and Ralph K. Blair \$1,000 each for conspiring to violate American neutrality by recruiting men for the British army. The fact that no jail sentence was given came as a surprise to all concerned. The judge's opinion is remarkable.

"The case itself, aside from the view of its being a test case, is one of considerable importance," he said. "The position of a country like the United States, which is endeavoring to sail a straight course through troubled waters, is at best a difficult one. Those of a foreign country who come here to make their home in the United States, it seems to me, should, at the very least, observe its laws."

"Whatever one's sympathies may be, his duty while he is in this country is to help the country to preserve its equilibrium. If this case had not taken the unusual turn it did, the disposition of the court would be to impose a severe sentence, not only for the violation of the law, but as an example to other patriots who live in this country but whose patriotism does not extend so much to this country as to the country they left."

"The judgment of this court will be—and I impose this fine without imprisonment simply because of the turn the case has taken—that each of the defendants pay a fine in the sum of \$1,000, with the usual alternative."

By Judge Dooling's reference to the "unusual turn" that the case took is meant, lawyers declare, the unusual process by which the guilt of the defendants was determined, that of submitting directly to the judge the evidence and leaving the determination of the guilt or innocence to his judgment.

AGGIES BEAT MICHIGAN 20 TO 0

Oregon Agricultural College Team Bests Eastern Eleven on Gridiron at East Lansing by a Decisive Score

East Lansing, Mich., Oct. 30.—The Oregon Aggies gave the Michigan Aggies the greatest surprise of the season this afternoon when by pounding through their lines consistently from the start they piled up a score of 20 to 0.

Abraham, Allen and Locey carried the ball from the five-yard line and Abraham smashed over for a touchdown almost before Michigan realized what was up. Cole kicked the goal. Michigan came back strong to the three-yard line, but could not score.

During most of the second quarter the play was in Oregon's territory. DePrato failed at several attempted field goals, but had the better of the punting duel.

With Abraham starring, Oregon ploughed through for a second touchdown in the third quarter, Allen scoring. Abraham was called on repeatedly and always was good for five to fifteen yards. Cole kicked goal.

Other Football Results
Colgate, 15; Yale, 0.
Washington, 27; Whitman, 0.
Washington State College, 40; Idaho, 0.
Oregon, 48; Willamette, 0.
Minnesota, 6; Illinois, 6.
Nebraska, 21; Ames, 0.
Dartmouth, 26; Amherst, 0.
Indiana, 7; W. & L., 7.
Catholic U., 40; Delaware, 0.
Akron, 7; Wooster, 20.
Rutgers, 44; Springfield, 13.
Bucknell, 0; Muhlenberg, 3.
Princeton, 27; Williams, 0.
Cornell, 45; Virginia, 0.
N. C. Aggies, 14; Navy, 12.
Michigan, 7; Syracuse, 14.
Army, 13; Villa Nova, 16.
Harvard, 13; Penn. State, 0.
Chicago, 14; Wisconsin, 13.

ARRIVALS FROM RUSSIA BRING CREED OF PEACE

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—Six members of an order that, according to these members, is rapidly growing in Russia, arrived here today on the Panama Maru. With them are a party of 50 more Russians who have been partially converted to the strange creed of the society. That many Russians who have recently been arriving via China are members of the secret order was the statement of Karl Bokaroff, spokesman for the party.

In a little room in the section of Moscow peopled by the radical peace advocates twelve men gathered, according to Bokaroff. They vowed they would not only work for peace but would face ostracism, disgrace and even death rather than take part in the war.

"We had seen cousins and closer relatives fall," he explained. "In the great finale, when the last curtain has been drawn over the last battlefield, what will we have gained by this sacrifice of millions of our countrymen? We have decided to spread our gospel. Our emissaries took the message to many cities and our movement grew. Now hundreds of Russians are fleeing the country to keep from going to war."

CELEBRATE OREGON DAY AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—The Panama-Pacific exposition today paid its tribute to the state of Oregon.

"Oregon day" at the big fair was pronounced by those in charge of it the most successful day since the exposition opened its gates last February.

The state of Oregon, too, established itself as a prince of hosts during the celebration. Throughout the day the Oregon building was thronged with visitors bent upon accepting the hospitality of the state commission, which manifested itself in the shape of choice Oregon apples, Oregon loganberry juice and Oregon mineral waters.

The central figure in the big celebration was Governor James Withycombe, Oregon's chief executive. The governor was escorted from his hotel down town to the exposition gates by two companies of United States cavalry at 11 o'clock.

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—The excellency and escorted him to the Palm building, where President Moore of the exposition and the directors tendered a luncheon to the governor and the members of his staff.

With a group of distinguished foreign and state commissioners grouped behind him, Governor Withycombe was the chief figure in the formal ceremonies at the Oregon building. Addresses highly complimentary of Oregon's share in making the exposition a success were delivered by Governor Johnson of California, Mayor Rolph of San Francisco and W. B. Lamar, chairman of the federal commission to the exposition.

After the governor's address, he was presented with a casket of jewels, similar to those used on the Tower of Jewels, and he planted a Douglas fir in front of the Oregon pavilion to commemorate the state's site at the exposition.

The entire membership of the Oregon commission, including O. M. (Continued on page 2)

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